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- (i) ~~contacting an adherent monocyte-derived dendritic cell with a peptide comprising said T-cell epitope; and~~
- (ii) ~~contacting said dendritic cell and peptide to a naïve T cell; whereby said T cell proliferates in response to said peptide; and~~
- (b) ~~modifying said protein to neutralize said T-cell epitope such that the modified protein induces less than or substantially equal the baseline proliferation of said naïve T cells.~~

C 14. The method according to claim 13, wherein said epitope is modified by:

- (a) ~~substituting the amino acid sequence of the epitope with an analogous sequence from a human homolog to the protein of interest;~~
- (b) ~~substituting the amino acid sequence of the epitope with an analogous sequence from a non-human homolog to the protein of interest, which analogous sequence produces a lesser allergenic response from T-cells than that of the protein of interest; or~~
- (c) ~~substituting the amino acid sequence of the epitope with a sequence which substantially mimics the major tertiary structure attributes of the epitope, but which produces a lesser allergenic response from T cells than that of the protein of interest.~~

(NEW) 17. A method for determining a T-cell epitope of a peptide comprising the steps of:

- C 2 17. ~~A method for determining a T-cell epitope of a peptide comprising the steps of:~~
- (a) ~~obtaining from a single human blood source a solution of dendritic cells and a solution of naïve CD4+ and/or CD8+ T-cells;~~
- (b) ~~promoting differentiation in said solution of dendritic cells;~~

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- (c) combining said solution of differentiated dendritic cells and said naïve CD4+ and/or CD8+ T-cells with the peptide, said peptide comprising said T-cell epitope; and
  - (d) measuring proliferation of said T-cells in said step (c).